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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORWARDING ELECTRONIC  
MESSAGES

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please delete Claims 1-9 and add new Claims 10-24 as follows. The claims are also attached in a separate document.

--10. A method for transmitting an e-mail message intended for a non-preferred e-mail address to a preferred e-mail address, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the e-mail message at a second address;

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